

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article comprising or being made from a hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid or a modified product thereof.

2. (Original) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 1, which is a rubber-like elastic article made from a hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid or a modified product thereof.

3. (Original) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 2, wherein the hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid is a polymer as a product of the reaction of a natural polyisoprenoid with hydrogen in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst in a solvent.

4. (Previously Presented) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 2, wherein the hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid has a degree of hydrogenation of 50% or more.

5. (Previously Presented) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 2, wherein the hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid has a weight-average molecular weight of 20×10^4 or more and a molecular-weight distribution of 2.0 or more.

6. (Previously Presented) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 2, wherein the hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid is a hydrogenated product of a polymer of isoprene unit derived from *Hevea brasiliensis*, *Ficus elastica*, *Eucommia ulmoides*, or a fungus belonging to the genus *Lactarius*.

7. (Original) A method for producing a rubber-like elastic article, comprising the step of subjecting a rubber composition comprising a hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid or a modified product thereof to molding/forming.

8. (Currently Amended) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 1, which is a resin modifier comprising a rubber-like polymer [[as a]] that is an hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid, or a modified product thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 8, wherein the rubber-like polymer is a polymer that is [[as]] a product of the reaction of a natural polyisoprenoid with hydrogen in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst in a solvent.

10. (Previously Presented) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 8, wherein the natural polyisoprenoid in the rubber-like polymer has a degree of hydrogenation of 50% or more.

11. (Previously Presented) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 8, wherein the rubber-like polymer has a weight-average molecular weight of 20×10^4 or more and a molecular-weight distribution of 2.0 or more.

12. (Previously Presented) A resin composition comprising a resin and the rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 8.

13. (Original) The resin composition of claim 12, comprising 0.1 to 100 parts by weight of the resin modifier per 100 parts by weight of the resin.

14. (Previously Presented) A molded article made from the resin composition of claim 12.

15. (Currently Amended) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 1, which is a modified latex [[as a]] that is an hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid latex.

16. (Currently Amended) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 15, [[as]] that is a product of the reaction of a natural polyisoprenoid latex with hydrogen in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst.

17. (Previously Presented) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 15, wherein the hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid in the modified latex has a degree of hydrogenation of 50% or more.

18. (Previously Presented) The rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 15, wherein the natural polyisoprenoid latex is a latex derived from *Hevea brasiliensis*, *Ficus elastica*, *Eucommia ulmoides*, or a fungus belonging to the genus *Lactarius*.

19. (Previously Presented) An article comprising a hydrogenated natural polyisoprenoid or a modified product thereof, prepared by using the rubber-like or rubber-like-material-containing article of claim 15.